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HOMESPUNS.

Revival of the Oldest and Most Important of Ireland's Industries.

Spinning Wheels Are Humming Again in Many a Home.

Goods Exported to the United States Find Ready Sale.

CLOTH IS FASHIONABLE EVERYWHERE

In the little thatched cottages of Donegal and Connemara looms and spinning wheels are busy manufacturing homespun for royal wearers. The Kings and Queens of Europe have decided that these manufactures are fit for court attire, and the peasants of the North and West of Ireland are reaping a golden harvest.

Two years ago Queen Victoria ordered a large quantity of Irish home-made woollens. This immediately created an outside interest in the goods and a few weeks sufficed to set all the idle looms in motion. Orders are now being received from every city in Europe and several lots have been exported to the United States. A large order recently came from Persia, and even in Australia the homespun is not unknown. The peasants are rapidly becoming prosperous compared with their circumstances a few years ago. The new market for their goods has claimed every yard they manufacture, so that while royalty flaunts the homespun the cottiers are content with the cheaper mill article.

For hundreds of years the peasantry of Ireland clothed themselves in garments of their own manufacture. Less than fifty years ago no wedding was complete without a spinning wheel heading the list of presents from the parents of the bride. Even in "poor old Ireland," however, machinery has made such strides that had Queen Victoria delayed much longer in placing the first royal order for the homespun the sound of the loom would not now be heard in the land. As it is, old wheels are being dusted and renovated; fingers that had almost forgotten the duties required of them are being quickened again to work, and young hands are rapidly becoming expert with practice.

Donegal is the center of the present activity in homespun circles, and the cottages along the mountain sides are filled with the hum of busy workers. The entire family spend the winter months at reel, wheel and loom. When the days lengthen and the sun grows more genial work on the little patch of ground necessitates a decrease in their production. Potatoes must be planted, a few cabbage plants "dibbled" in the ridges and a root or two of oats "trenched." Then follows the hay-making season, with its delightful weather and cloudless sky. No matter how many orders royalty may send for homespun these hardy hill folks will "take things easy in summer days." These simple peasantry live to please themselves, and their pleasure is usually the fulfillment of a general desire to take their own time for doing things. They like the sunshine and the growing meadows, the green pastures and the moss-covered banks. There is something in the white thorn that calls them to the hedgerow when it is white with blossoms, and not for gold would they miss the small birds' chorus. Therefore it follows that the homespun harvest will be reaped only when the rain beats pitilessly on the roof and the wind moans and groans in the wicker chimney.

A cottage owning a loom may always be known by its unusual length. The loom fills one end of the cottage, which is only one story in height. Additional floor space for spinning wheels makes a greatly increased frontage necessary. This is done at the expense of proportion and gives the abode a squatty appearance that is deceiving. The walls of the cottages are whitewashed a couple of times each year and are remarkable for their cleanliness.

The machines used in manufacturing the homespun are amazingly crude in appearance. They are very serviceable and enduring, in spite of their lack of finished workmanship. Looms are handed down from one generation to another and the secret of the age of most of the spinning wheels belongs to the workers of another time. All the machines are permeated with the odor of turf smoke, and the natural color of the wood used in their construction has long since been dyed black by the burnt peat.

It is astonishing with what accuracy these century old machines operate. On one of these old looms was woven the Irish linen presented to Queen Victoria on the occasion of her jubilee in 1887. The linen was said to be the finest ever manufactured.

Predictions have been made to the effect that the homespun industry will again spread over the whole of Ireland. Little surprise will be caused by this, at least to those who have followed the growth of the lace industry during the past few years. In many districts it has been almost impossible to engage servants on account of their being usually employed working at the most costly Irish lace and other kinds of fancy needle work. Schools have been established at



F. J. KIERCE, SAN FRANCISCO.
Supreme President of the Young Men's Institute.

DR. FOWLER

Gives an Interesting Interview on the Recent Federation Convention.

Greatest Assemblage of Catholics Ever Seen in This Country.

Love of Church and Country the Two Leading Principles.

AN IMPORTANT FACTOR IN HISTORY

A representative of the Kentucky Irish American called upon Dr. J. W. Fowler, who so ably represented the Catholics of Kentucky in the Catholic Federation convention which last week met in Cincinnati, and requested him to relate the part he took in the proceedings and his impressions of the convention and its work. Dr. Fowler said:

"I am very partial to the Kentucky Irish American, and would, if I possessed the power, tell you all I saw and know of what is regarded by leading Catholics, both clerical and lay, to be the greatest Catholic convention that ever assembled in the United States, but it would be impossible for me to tell you what transpired in this big four days' session convention, which from the hour it started until it closed worked night and day to such an extent that its members were physically worn out.

"The convention was a delegated body, representing all portions of our American possessions, and was called for the purpose of federating, if possible, the Catholic societies of America. Hon. Edward J. McDermott and myself were elected by the Catholic Union of Kentucky as its representatives in the convention, with full power to act. On account of the illness of my colleague's wife he was unable to attend and therefore I was compelled to stand alone in advocating such measures as I thought our section of the country desired, and where I failed in my efforts I feel that it was because I had not the aid of my distinguished fellow-delegate. I reached the convention hall just as the first session was called to order. It was truly an inspiring sight and made an impression on me which will fade only with death. The convention was held in the Auditorium, a small but elegant theater, which was gayly draped with American flags and bunting and the effect was one of brilliancy and patriotism. In the center of the stage was a large portrait of our Holy Father, Pope Leo XIII., and one of our President, Theodore Roosevelt, hooked together by festoons of American flags. On the stage, occupying the center, stood the temporary President, Henry Fries, of Erie, Pa. Around and about him sat His Grace Archbishop Elder, of Cincinnati; Gov. Nash, of Ohio; Mayor Fleischman, of Cincinnati; Right Rev. Bishop McPaul, of Trenton, N. J.; Right Rev. Bishop Messmer, of Green Bay, Wis.; Right Rev. Bishop Maes, of Covington, Ky.; Right Rev. Bishop Hottelmann, of Cleveland, O.; Judge Thomas W. Fitzgerald, of New York; Hon. T. B. Minnehan, of Columbus, O.; Hon. John J. Coyle, of Philadelphia, Pa.; Hon. Thomas B. McKenna, of Long Branch, N. J., and many others, forming the most distinguished body of Catholic divines and laymen I ever saw.

"The first time I received recognition from the chair was upon a point of order, raised by myself, to the effect that the convention could not proceed to business until its Committee on Credentials reported. I spoke to this point because the President was making up his committees with only a portion of the roll of membership before him. The chair decided the point of order well taken, but

declared that as he was making up his committee slowly, he thought in order to expedite business that the convention could transact business pending the report of the committee. Still holding the floor, I replied that under parliamentary rules, as I understood them, any business transacted would be regarded as illegal until the membership of the convention had been ascertained, and that while I had not come to the convention for the purpose of impeding it in any way, but on the contrary, had come to show flowers upon the path of those who had made it such a signal success, yet I regarded it of paramount importance that the convention should proceed properly and lawfully. Pending the discussion the committee on credentials made their report.

"My next recognition by the chair was upon a motion which had the effect of depriving women of membership in the convention. I had decided convictions upon this subject and expressed myself favorably to their admission. This part of the debate on the constitution was the most exciting and hardest fought of any and brought out the most brilliant speeches from both priest and layman. A cold blooded delegate from the Far East charged the "gentlemen from Kentucky" as speaking only from a sentimental or chivalrous standpoint. My reply was that chivalry to a certain extent might be the impelling motive, but that I had spoken from a sense of justice, that our Kentucky Union admitted women to its membership, and that I, as its delegate, could not do otherwise than contend for them. At this point a fine-looking, good-natured German delegate got the floor and declared there was an old German proverb which said "Leave your wife at home," and before he could explain what he meant the convention had broken into uproarious laughter, which had the effect of helping those speaking for the women. The final vote, which resulted in favor of the ladies, was very close, so much so that it was necessary to call the roll. My last recognition by the chair was when I arose to put Louisville in nomination for the next convention. Several cities were put in nomination, but one by one withdrew until Louisville and Chicago were left to be balloted for. From open expressions from all over the house I felt that I had the race won, when the unexpected happened. The Secretary announced from the stage that it was the wish of Right Rev. Bishop McPaul that Chicago be selected as the next place of meeting. There were cries from all over the house to withdraw Louisville and counter-cries not to withdraw, that Louisville would win, but recognizing that the distinguished divine was the guiding spirit of the federation idea, and purely out of respect to his wishes, I made a speech withdrawing Louisville and moved that Chicago be unanimously chosen.

"Aside from personalities, the work of the convention was complete and harmonious, federating upon lines acceptable to all. The plan which finally prevailed was the State Federation plan—each county in the State to organize and send delegates, as provided in the constitution (which the Press Committee will soon issue), to a State convention, which will meet annually, and the State convention to send delegates to the national convention, which also convenes once a year, the next meeting to be held on July 16, 1902, in Chicago.

"My impression of the convention as a whole is one of respect and admiration. The members were earnest and sincere, many of them fine thinkers and eloquent speakers, and all of them seemed to be imbued with but two leading principles, namely, love of Catholic faith and love of the Republic of the United States. God and Country was the motto, and all else faded into insignificance. There were many dramatic scenes in the convention which I am powerless to portray, but I firmly believe that the American Federation of Catholic Societies, so compactly united upon a platform of equal rights to all, will live in history as the most important factor, outside the church itself, for the common weal of all American citizens."

FATHER CRONIN.

Popular Priest Placed in Temporary Charge of St. Patrick's.

The Rev. Father James P. Cronin, one of the most able and popular priests in the Louisville diocese, has been placed in temporary charge of St. Patrick's church, and many of his admirers hope that he may receive the permanent appointment to the rectorship of that large congregation. He is also acting as Chancellor of the diocese.

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COERCION.

All Portents Indicative of a Stormy Winter in Ireland.

Redmond's Reception Causes Britain to View Things Seriously.

Members of Parliament Summoned Before Coercion Courts.

REINSTATED AFTER TWENTY YEARS

The Dublin correspondent of the New York World writes that the manner in which John E. Redmond and the other Irish delegates have been received in the United States has invigorated the Nationalists and caused the British Government to take a much more serious view of the situation in Ireland than it took before.

Irish Secretary Wyndham is reviving coercion prosecutions in order to check the rapidly growing influence of the United Irish League. Two members of Parliament, Connor O'Kelly and John Hayden, together with several other Leaguers, have already been summoned before the coercion courts for making speeches in which they advised their constituents to boycott the men who have taken the farms from which the tenants have been evicted.

The tribunal consists of two resident Magistrates, who may be dismissed without notice by the Viceroy if the sentences they impose are not severe enough. Experience has shown that these Magistrates almost invariably impose the utmost term within their power—six months imprisonment with hard labor. O'Kelly and Hayden have repeated the offending speeches since they were summoned.

The United Irish League is now one of the most formidable organizations that has ever confronted Dublin Castle. All portents indicate a stormy winter in Ireland.

The farmers have stopped the hunting in Roscommon as a reprisal on the landlords. In Limerick the tenants who were evicted from the O'Grady estate twenty years ago and have since been supported by the Irish Nationalist organization have just been reinstated in their holdings at half the rack-rents they were evicted for being unable to pay.

There is no agrarian crime in the country, the policy of the League being passive resistance to the unjust exactions of the landlords.

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GEN. JAMES F. SMITH.
One of the Founders of the Young Men's Institute.

PRIEST KILLED.

Father John Valk Meets a Horrible Death in South America.

Shot by Liberals and Body Hacked to Pieces With Machetes.

Was Once Assistant Pastor at St. Mary's, This City.

MANY SHOCKED BY AWFUL NEWS

Dispatches received at New Orleans last Sunday by Rev. Father Francis Brockmeier, rector of St. Francis of Assisi church, convey the news of the murder of the Rev. Father John Valk at David, a town on the Pacific coast, in the republic of Colombia, where the revolution is now raging. The faithful priest was shot to death.

Although a native of Fulda, Germany, Father Valk came to the United States when a young man and was assigned to the Diocese of Louisville, where he was beloved by his parishioners. Then he became interested in missionary work in Central America, on the Isthmus of Panama. He applied to the Holy Father in Rome and was assigned to Ilocos del Toro. The particulars are meager, but they show that Father Valk met with a horrible death. After he had been shot to death his murderers fell upon his prostrate and inanimate body and hacked it to pieces with knives and machetes. The murderers were rebels, or Liberals, and the death created great sorrow and much indignation in various circles where he was known.

Father Valk was well known in the Diocese of Louisville, and won the love and esteem of all with whom he came in contact. For some time he was stationed at St. Mary's church on Eighth street, and afterward was on the mission in Kentucky. He will be remembered throughout the State as a priest of great learning, for he spoke German, Spanish, French, English and Latin fluently. Father B. F. Cunningham, rector of Holy Cross church, West Broadway, received his first appointment at the time Father Valk died, and the two were very warm friends.

About eleven years ago Father Valk conceived his mission to be among the Indians of South America, and he went to Panama in 1890. In 1896 he returned to Kentucky and was assigned by Bishop McCloskey to Danville, where he served for four years. At the earnest solicitation of the Bishop of Panama he returned to South America four years ago. His mission was among the Indians. He made his life among them and was at the last accounts performing successful work in the Republic of Colombia. His district embraced hundreds of miles of territory, some of it never having been traveled by a white man. He suffered many hardships and narrow escapes from massacre, and his friends here pleaded with him to return, but he said he had decided to devote his life work among the semi-barbarous people of South America. He never appeared in the cities.

Father Valk's life work was notable indeed. On his first visit to South America it was reported that he had been killed in the wilderness and he was mourned as dead. Soon afterward he returned to Louisville. The old parishioners of St. Mary's were all shocked to hear of Father Valk's death, the news of which this time seems to be authentic.

Only a short time ago Rev. Albert Stroebel passed through the territory embraced in Father Valk's mission. The former was then on his way to St. Edward's Island. His next letter mentioned the particulars of the cruel deed.

MOURN HER DEATH.

Another Respected Catholic Lady Answers Final Summons.

It is with regret that we chronicle the passing away of another highly respected and well known Catholic lady in the person of Mrs. Mary O'Connor, the venerable and beloved mother of Rev. Father John O'Connor, rector of Holy Name church, and Miss Margaret O'Connor, also of this city. Mrs. O'Connor was a woman noted throughout Kentucky for her many Christian virtues and excellent traits of character, and the sad news caused deep gloom in many prominent homes. Her death occurred Tuesday at the residence of Father O'Connor, and the funeral was held at Holy Name church Thursday morning. The sanctuary was thronged and the church crowded with mourners for the repose of her soul. They were

SERIOUSLY INJURED.

Charles Kelly, residing at 1831 Market street, New Albany, was injured from a badly mangled by a heavy piece of iron. Sulzer & Vogt's foundry.

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CHRISTMAS.

This is the month and this the happy morn
Wherein the Son of heaven's Eternal King,
Of wedded maid and virgin mother born,
Our great redemption from above did bring.
For so the holy sages once did sing
That He our deadly forfeit should release
And with His Father work us a perpetual peace.

John Milton was one of the greatest poets that ever lived and he used his talents to no better purpose than when he wrote "On the Morning of Christ's Nativity," the opening lines of which are given above. This is indeed the month which brought salvation to all the world, and wherein the anniversary of the birth of Christ has been celebrated throughout the ages.

The thought of what this day so many, many years ago, meant to the human race brings to mind the picture of the child Christ in that poor stable, and that through His birth the gates of heaven (which had been closed to man since the fall of Adam) were reopened and God's promise to crush Satan was fulfilled.

Setting aside the religious solemnity, it is the season when our hearts become tender and sympathetic and we feel as though we would like to include the whole world in our remembrances. It is more especially the holiday for the children. Who can watch their innocent faces grow bright and see the look of gladness—yes, of awed wonder—steal over their countenance without feeling a throb of sympathetic tenderness in their delicate bosom?

It has been widely discussed in the Eastern part of the country that children should not be taught the myth of Santa Claus, but told the bare truth about the matter. In this practical, every-day world one comes upon the stern realities of life soon enough. Then why rob these little ones of their greatest pleasure? If these iconoclasts continue their work there will be no visions at all, but the stern facts will confront one at every turn.

Their argument is it teaches an untruth. After the child discovers the truth he does not think it was wrong to have been told of Santa Claus, and in no other way could his little heart be so readily touched and he be made to feel that always, but especially at this season, he should try to make all who come within his circle happy by remembering them in some way, even if it is only by expressing the good wishes abounding at this time.

Then remember the little ones. Those of your own household and those poor innocent children to whose home Santa Claus does not come. Scatter abroad as far as in your power lies cheer and good feeling and the peace of this blessed season will rest in your hearts and be at your hearthstones. The Kentucky Irish American wishes each one of its readers a very merry Christmas, and can say with Mrs. Craik:

"God rest ye, all good Christians; upon this blessed morn
The Lord of all good Christians was of a woman born.
Now all your sorrows He doth heal, your sins He takes away,
Jesus Christ, our Saviour, was born on Christmas day."

AND CONFUSION.

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others, and strives to remedy evils by securing aid to continue the ruinous policy and benefit by shifting the losses on the ally. The blame for Great Britain's troubles is charged to the United States or Germany, whose "pretensions" and activity have blocked British territorial policy and curtailed British trade. Which of them should be opposed, which sought as an ally and how to hamper the progress of either is the question on which British opinion is divided and at times antagonistic.

Thus the London Saturday Review is openly anti-American and pro-German, advocating British-German alliance to check the pretensions and growth of the United States territorially and commercially; cites the efforts of Germany to found colonies and establish trade in South America, and the competition and probable resistance of the United States against an infringement on the Monroe doctrine, which Germany can not overcome without British aid. It disclaims favoring an alliance with Germany against the United States, and still less one with the United States against Germany, but wants to hold the balance of power in such a conflict with the advantage of a friendly Germany, lest Germany's defeat in the intended South American colonization result in the unbridled pretensions of the United States elbowing Great Britain out of her possessions in North and South America. The concession by Great Britain to the United States of everything in Nicaragua is condemned and ridiculed.

The London Spectator takes an ultra reverse position as to Germany, declaring that a German alliance is the least stable ground on which to base a foreign policy, reviews Germany's colonial and trade expansion in opposition to Great Britain, condemns the anti-British sentiment and agitation in Germany and declares it is impossible for Great Britain to expect friendliness from Germany, concluding with advocating more friendly and closer relations with Russia to head off and circumvent Germany's aspirations and schemes.

These are only samples of British opinion from two prominent papers, the press, leaders in politics and trade, varying from one to the other extreme, resulting on the whole in a jargon of conflicting opinions and bewildering discussion from which it is difficult to form a judgment as to what is the sentiment or future policy, but showing plainly the desperate condition of matters that seem to have banished reason and discretion so essential to remedying evils, checking misfortune and averting complete disaster. The British people seem to have lost their heads and to be in fit condition for panic.

SLANDERS HIS VICTIMS.

The delayed reports of the concentration camps in South Africa are at last published. The deaths for October were 3,156, of which 2,636 were children; for November, 2,807, of which 2,271 were children. The total deaths for six months were 13,941, about half being children.

Such a showing seemed to need some explanation, which may account for the delay in publishing the reports for October and November. Secretary for War Broderick states the high death rate is due to the filthy habits of the Boers. Rather late finding it out. Besides, the concentration camps are under military control and regulation. The continuance of such filthy or any un-

sanitary cause, the blame is on the authorities for not remedying and preventing it.

But the charge is more likely a slander to excuse the death rate of 25.3 per cent. and also brand the Boers as degraded and slothful. The Boers are noted for energy, thrift, industry, order, cleanly homes, well stocked farms, pioneers who developed prosperous farming, mining and commerce from a wilderness, and remarkable for their strength, endurance and longevity. None of these characteristics indicate a people whose women are so filthy in their habits as to produce diseases with a death rate of 25.3—an epidemic rate that would have long ago exterminated the Boer race.

The fact that England attempts to offer excuses for the concentration camp horrors indicates that the condemnation by other nations is being felt even in high places and shame, if nothing else, may cause the abolition of these pest holes.

FOOLISH PROTEST.

Some foolish things are done in the name of organized labor. The American Federation convention adopted a protest against the United States Senate confirming the nomination of Frank E. Baker as Circuit Judge in Indiana, not that they have any grievance against Baker, but because his father had granted injunctions against union workmen. This is not only foolish, but unjust and contrary to American principle and policy. It is the policy in Europe to ostracize individuals because of ancestral misdeeds, but is a violation of American law and justice to hold anyone responsible for the sins of his daddy. Every individual stands or falls on his own record in this country. The Senate is not likely to pay much attention to such a protest, and in ignoring it will give a deserved, though it may not be a beneficial, rebuke to its authors.

The Commercial, commenting on the advocacy of relief for the Boers by Bourke Cockran and other Irish Catholics, intimates that if they knew the Boer law excluded Catholics and Jews from holding office and voting they would not be so zealous in behalf of the Boers. Bourke Cockran and other Irish Catholics know of the exclusive clause in the Boer law, but that does not deter them from condemning British spoliation and brutality, and seeking aid for the distressed Boer women and children. Bourke Cockran and other Irish Catholics also know there are in the United States organizations pledged and striving to exclude Catholics and foreigners from holding office, voting and even earning a living, but Bourke Cockran and other Irish Catholics are none the less loyal and ready to defend the Government and people of the United States.

The Board of Trade committee seeking to induce the Government to establish a military camp and drill ground in this vicinity has discovered 20,000 acres of land on Salt river suitable for the purpose, and will endeavor to have the owners offer it at a reasonable price. We wish the committee success, but it will be just like the Kentucky holder of vacant and all but valueless land, that he will not use himself, to jump the price to about \$1,000 per acre as soon as somebody really wants it. Louisville and the State are cursed with too many such land owners, who will not improve their property, but obstruct all other development, and will not sell except at exorbitant prices.

About the silliest assertion ever made in public matters is that of the advocates of cheap labor who oppose a continuance of the Chinese exclusion act, which will soon expire by limitation. They say organized labor is divided on the question. Organized labor is solidly in favor of keeping out John Chinaman, the only complaint being that the law is not exclusive enough and has not been effectively enforced. Organized

labor will be heard from by properly accredited representatives at the proper time when the question comes before Congress. All reports of the sentiment of Congressmen on the subject indicate the law will be re-enacted, if not made more stringent.

The Americans never become discouraged by failure and loss, but persist, benefiting by experience, till they succeed. Notwithstanding the years of labor, millions of capital and number of lives lost in attempts to connect New York City by rail with the mainland, it is to be again undertaken by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, which proposes to tunnel under Hudson and East rivers to connect Jersey City and Long Island railways with their terminals in New York City. The underground railway is to be operated by electricity instead of steam, thus avoiding smoke, cinders and impure air.

You can't shut the Yankee out. Despite delays and objections the American syndicate at last is awarded the contract for changing the London railways to electricity. It will require several years, the erection of a 70,000 horse-power house, and cost \$10,000,000. When this stupendous undertaking is complete and in operation perhaps the doubting Cockneys may be convinced against their will of the superiority, hustling and efficiency of American workmen and American electric railway patents and systems.

Chamberlain, who caused the Boer war, seems likely by too much talk to cause its failure, or at least serious complications. His reflection on the German army has aroused the Germans to bitterness, and members of the Reichstag favor action directing the German Government to propose to other powers joint intervention to stop the war in South Africa. Too much talk is sometimes more destructive than all the arts of war.

Kitchener reports that the Boers have during the past year violated the articles of war by murdering natives suspected of divulging the movements of the Boers. Well, it has always been deemed proper to punish spies with death, besides such a charge comes with bad grace from the official who respects neither age nor sex in his devastation, slaughter and deportation of non-combatants.

England's credit is going down, down, and the cause of it is being discussed in London financial circles. Government consols have declined from 114 to 92½ since the Boer war began, other stocks and bonds have likewise depreciated, and commercial and industrial investments are profitless because of trade depression.

Say, Santa Claus, we were not the best boy in the world and deserved to be slighted at Christmas, but the children now are all good, or as good as they can be. So be generous and bring them lots of pretty and good things this Christmas—no switches!

Right into England goes the American locomotive. The Northwestern Railway, with branches throughout northern England, has contracted for twenty American locomotives.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS.

Rev. Father Fallon one of the most eloquent priests in Canada, delivered an address before the Knights of Columbus of this city Wednesday evening. The treat was a rare one and was greatly enjoyed. Many hoped to hear him tomorrow at St. Louis Bertrand's, but he was compelled to leave Wednesday for Ottawa. While here Father Fallon was the guest of Manager Mulligan at the Louisville Hotel.

Edward Cowan, formerly of this city and a member of Louisville Council, has been elected Outside Guard by the Gem City Knights at Dayton, Ohio.

The Knights of Columbus of Ohio will hold a State convention in Cincinnati next February.

A big initiation will take place tomorrow at Springfield, Ohio.

The ruling barring religious exercises from the public schools of Minnesota has again been upheld. Under the State law they must be non-sectarian in every respect.

[Written for Kentucky Irish American.]

STAR OF BETHLEHEM.

Through darkness flashed a star
Of brilliance and beauty rare,
While music sweet from afar
Broke the hush of midnight air.

Heaven's glad herald—angel bright—
Announced "To you a Savior is born,"
And lowly shepherds on watch at night
Greeted the first Christmas morn.

In the gloom of sin-darkened earth
Shines ever the fearless love light,
Of the sweet Christ Child's birth
Which immortalized that long ago night.

Star of Bethlehem! O beautiful light!
Guide me o'er life's darksome way,
Lead me with Thy clear, shining bright
Thro' death's night to eternal Christmas day.

KATHLEEN DON LEAHY.

SOCIETY.

W. R. Welch and J. D. Dowling were among the Lexingtonians visiting here this week.

John McGuire left Friday for Lexington, where he will spend the Christmas holidays with relatives.

Miss Susie Miller has gone to Stanford, where she will spend the holidays as the guest of Miss Eula Totten.

Joe G. Quinn, of Little Rock, will be the guest of John M. Moushan at St. Matthews during the holidays.

Among the visitors here this week from Lebanon was C. Oscar Spalding, one of the most prominent citizens of that town.

Dennis P. Shanahan will return today from Georgetown University, Washington, to spend the holidays with his parents in this city.

John Goodwin, for the past two years connected with the press of Lexington, is home to spend the holidays with his mother and friends.

Messrs. Edward and John Monahan, of St. Matthews, who are attending Georgetown College, Washington, will arrive home today for the holidays.

Harry Whalen, a popular young New Albanian for several years with the Monon, is about to be promoted to engineer. His friends are pleased over his good luck.

John Robard and Miss Louise Rutledge, well known young people of New Albany, were united in marriage Wednesday evening at Holy Trinity rectory, Rev. Father Kelly performing the ceremony.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward C. Martin, of 522 East Green street, are receiving congratulations upon the arrival of little twin girls to share their holiday cheer. The happy father is the well known Market-street photographer. Both mother and little ones are doing nicely.

The many Louisville friends of Gus Denble will regret to learn that he lies seriously ill at his home in Jeffersonville. For many years he has been a trusted employe at the Government Depot in that city, and has been prominent in the affairs of St. Augustine's parish.

John A. O'Connor, one of the best known printers in Louisville, celebrated the fifty-third anniversary of his birth Tuesday. He received the congratulations of a host of admiring friends, all of whom he entertained most royally. Though his hair is sprinkled with gray, Jack is still as young as most of us.

The Kentucky Irish American feels rejoiced over the change for the better in the condition of Raymond Lynch, Sr., who has been ill at his home on West Chestnut street for the past two weeks. Mr. Lynch is the pioneer union printer of this city, and is held in the highest esteem by his Courier-Journal associates and printers generally.

Dame Rumor has it that Richard Doyle, the popular manager of Frank McGrath's emporium at Seventh and York streets, will be wedded in February to one of the prettiest young ladies in the southern part of the city. For the present the name of the fortunate young lady is withheld. We join with his many friends in tendering congratulations.

Phil McGovern, the well known letter carrier, was given an enjoyable surprise by a number of his friends in celebration of his birthday. Eucire and vocal and instrumental music were pleasant features of the evening, and after the distribution of pretty prizes to Mesdames Brown, Lambert and Welch, and Messrs. Kerr, Welch and Romiser the guests were seated to a dainty supper by Mrs. McGovern, whose hospitality was most highly praised. Among those present were Messrs. and Mesdames Romiser, Brown, Cassel, Lambert, Rodgers, Welch, Kerr, Mathison, Van Hous and McGovern.

OFFICERS ELECTED.

St. Edward's Commandery, Knights of St. John, of New Albany, elected the following officers at a largely attended and interesting meeting Tuesday night: Chaplain—Very Rev. Dean Fallor. Assistant Chaplain—Father Unterreitmeier.

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taken high rank as an attorney, and it is believed that jealousy is at the bottom of the case. He denied all the charges, and his testimony is sustained by the brother of the man who brought them as well as by judges and others prominent in public life.

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IRELAND.

Record of the Most Important of
the Recent Events Culled
From Exchanges.

P. J. Kennedy, M. P., has resigned his position as Chairman of the Meath County Council.

Miss Burke, who was thrown from her horse while on her way to the meet of the Roscommon Stagbonds, near Castleplunket, and was kicked in the head by the animal, died from the effects.

The water supply to the Nenagh workhouse was stopped for some days recently. A local plumber, on opening the pipe, found the cause of the stoppage to be an enormous eel, which was so tightly wedged in the water pipe that it could not move.

The death is announced at Cork of Jeremiah O'Rourke, who was well known and very popular in the city. He was for many years Secretary of the Cork Young Men's Society, in which position he displayed marked ability as an organizer and administrator.

A. Morgan, of the Provincial Bank, Ennis, has been presented with an address and a purse of sovereigns on the occasion of his departure from that town to take a more important position in the Bank at Killaloe. W. J. McNamara presided and made the presentation.

The death occurred on Saturday last in the townland of Derrawlin, County Limerick, of a singularly remarkable centenarian, James Howard, who had then attained the wonderful age of 108 years. In the autumn of 1899, being then in his 100th year, among other singular achievements he, it is stated, had been known to cut down with his own hands his field of corn.

Richard O'Brien, shoemaker, Great Britain street, who was charged with the murder of his wife recently, was put forward on remand at the Dublin Police Court, and the medical evidence making it impossible to sustain even a charge of manslaughter, the prosecution altered the charge to one of assault, on which the accused was sentenced to six months' imprisonment.

Rioting took place in Cork on Sunday between soldiers and civilians. A member of the Seventeenth Lancers got into conflict with a number of men; a crowd rapidly gathered, and the soldier had to take refuge in the police barracks. The crowd, which increased in proportions, attacked every soldier they could find on the streets. The police were kept busy for some time.

A special court was held at Granard to inquire into a charge against Dr. Flanagan, late Medical Officer of Ballinalee dispensary district, and two other young men, who were charged on remand with throwing vitriol on a servant boy named Bernard Phillips. Joseph Delany, solicitor, appeared for Dr. Flanagan, and Mr. Montgomery for the others. The accused were sent for trial to next quarter sessions and conveyed to Sligo jail.

A very serious accident occurred in Belfast on Saturday night last, whereby a young man named Robert Mills, aged twenty-eight years, received such injuries that he succumbed on Monday. The deceased, it appears, was in the act of getting over a boarding which surmounted a wall about six feet high for the purpose of gaining access to his own yard, when he accidentally fell and sustained serious injuries to the spine and neck.

Dr. J. J. Hopkins, Castlebar, has been presented with a beautifully illuminated address and valuable testimonial by a deputation from Leenane, where he had been medical officer for eight years prior to his present appointment in his native town of Castlebar. The presentation consisted of a valuable horse and trap and pneumatic tires, massive lamps and brass-mounted harness, as well as some valuable personal gifts, such as a large American roll top desk, etc.

The tenants on the Ellis estate, part of which adjoins the town of Abbeyfeale, assembled by appointment at the Court-house on Saturday for the purpose of arranging terms for the purchase of the holdings with the agent, Peter Fitzgerald, of Limerick. Rev. Father Casey, D. Leahy, solicitor; W. O'Connor, D. C., and M. J. Moloney spoke on behalf of the tenants. The negotiations had no definite result, and it was agreed on to allow matters to stand for a week.

A married woman named Kelly, mother of six young children, was accidentally drowned on Sunday near Castlebellingham. It appears that the deceased, with two women, was gathering firewood blown down by the recent storm along the banks of the River Glide, when she stumbled and fell into the swollen stream and was rapidly carried away. The other women, who heard her screams, being powerless to render her assistance, the body was swept out to sea and has not yet been recovered.

Charging the grand jury at the opening of the Ulster winter assizes at Belfast, Justice Gibson referred to the general peaceful condition of the North of Ireland, and said reports from the police offices had shown him this portion of the country was in a most satisfactory state. He referred in particular to four murder cases which were for disposal, two of which, he said, were of a terrible nature. The grand jury returned a true bill against the man Diver for the murder of his mother in County Donegal.

On Thursday the Dominican church at Athy was broken into, a large pane of glass in one of the windows being removed. A man named James Dwyer, an ex-soldier, was arrested by Sergeant Rutledge and Constable Lane on a charge of having committed the offense. He was charged before a special court and remanded to Kilkenny prison. So far it is not ascertained that anything has been removed, but it was secured in such a way as to render it impossible, it is believed, for the miscreant to force it.

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became known that a young man named James Brady, of Cam, a short distance from the village, had committed suicide by hanging himself from a tree in the garden situated at the rear of his own house. It appears from the stories current in the neighborhood that the deceased had been very strange in his manners for some time previous, and about a fortnight before the sad occurrence had absented himself for a whole night and gave no account of where he had been.

The Leinster assizes were opened at Waterford by Chief Baron Pales, who, addressing the grand jury, said their business would not be of a long or difficult character, although their jurisdiction extended over so many counties. Twenty-one cases were to be tried. These counties—eleven in number—were in a peaceful and satisfactory condition. Alluding to the boycott case of O'Keeffe, Tallow, he said it had become part of the history of the county. It was tried twice, on each occasion there being a disagreement of the jury. County Waterford was in a satisfactory state except for that case.

Justice Johnson opened at Galway the winter assizes for the province of Connaught. Addressing the grand jury, his Lordship said that considering the large area included, and the extent of the population, the number of bills to go before them did not appear considerable. Among the Sligo convictions was one in which the accused was charged with writing a letter with a view to compelling a certain person to refrain from doing what he was entitled to do—namely to sell goods to a party who had incurred the hostility of his neighbors. In this case Anthony Calvey pleaded guilty and was released on his own recognizances.

At Bansha petty sessions Count Moore prosecuted John Cullinan, M. P., for having entered upon the lands of Cloghera, in the occupation of Roger Ryan, in search of game without complainant's consent. The prosecution was brought under the land act. Evidence having been given of the trespass, which Cullinan admitted, Ryan, the tenant of the land, and another tenant, Daniel O'Brien, proved that under the previous landlord, Major Bunbury, they had enjoyed the right of allowing their friends to shoot over the lands. After a long consideration the bench decided to dismiss the case, believing that the tenants considered they had rights over game, and that Cullinan acted bona fide.

In Killarney a man named Terence O'Connor, an army pensioner, aged about seventy years, residing at Newmarket lane, attempted to commit suicide by cutting his throat with an ordinary dinner-knife. O'Connor, who was alone in his bedroom, attired in his drawers, called out to his wife, who was in the room underneath, that he was dying, and on entering the room she was horrified to find him lying in a pool of blood on the floor, with the blood-stained knife beside him. There were three gashes on his throat, one of which extended across the neck, severing the windpipe. Drs. O'Sullivan, Hickson and McSweeney were promptly on the scene and dressed the wounds. For some time past he has been suffering from depression of spirits.

A mysterious affair has caused a considerable sensation in and around Galway. A young lad named Michael Geraghty, aged fifteen, has disappeared from the Catholic industrial school at Salthill, just outside the City of the Tribes, under very peculiar circumstances, and the most careful searches all over the country have failed to discover his whereabouts. The lad is a native of Mullingar, and his mother resides at York street, Dublin. He has been an inmate of the Industrial School at Salthill for the past two years. About a week ago he received a letter from his mother informing him that his sister had gone out to South Africa in order to be married. The matter, it is believed, preyed on his mind, and under the influence of his melancholy he manifested a desire to elude the vigilance of the staff of the institution the night after he received his mother's letter.

It was with much regret that the people of Drogheda heard the announcement of the death of John Mangan, ex-Mayor of Drogheda, which occurred on Monday, having succumbed to heart disease. For the past half century Mangan was foremost in every cause for the good of the people, his name being a household word on the lips of everyone—rich and poor. He was High Sheriff, and also Mayor of Drogheda. In the early days of the Land League he was imprisoned in Dundalk jail as a "suspect" under the regime of Forster. On his release he was received with popular rejoicings in Drogheda, illuminations, bonfires, etc., a triumphal procession, with flags and bands, meeting him outside the town. He was a member of all the public boards of Drogheda. At the Poor Law Board he was particularly anxious for the welfare of the poor inmates.

CHRISTMAS CAROL.

O'er the world of sorrow weeping,
Hear the angels singing free,
While within the manger, sleeping,
Lies our Lord, the Christ to be.

Sweet the music softly ringing
From the golden heavens above,
And to earth glad tidings bringing
Fraught with peace and hope and love.

Lo, the shades of night dispersing
From the rosy face of morn!
Hear the world with joy conversing
To the Prince of Glory born.

Hail, Redeemer, every nation
Sings to thee a welcome strain!
Hail, Sweet Jesus, our salvation
Lives within that sacred reign.
—[Thomas J. Donahoe.]

HIBERNIANS.

What They Have Been Doing
the Past Week—General
News Notes.

Merry Christmas, brothers.

There will be no more meetings until after the holidays.

The County Board will soon begin preparations for a big celebration of St. Patrick's day.

Division 1 of Buffalo last Monday night conferred the three degrees and the test on eleven candidates.

The Hartford, Conn., Hibernian Rifles are planning for a fair to be held January 18 to 25 to purchase new uniforms.

Harry Brady, the popular Treasurer of Division 4, has been seriously ill for the past week, having had several severe hemorrhages, and his friends are apprehensive of the result.

The divisions of Nashua, Dover and Rochester, N. H., are growing steadily. A large class of candidates were initiated in the latter city Sunday week, the Dover degree team performing the ritual work.

The annual memorial services of the Ancient Order of Hibernians were held at St. Joseph's church, Dayton, O., Thanksgiving morning. Requiem mass was celebrated at 8:30 o'clock and the members of the society attended in a body.

Division 8 of Buffalo, which has reason to feel jubilant over the recent turn in its affairs, has taken steps toward the formation of a military company. Applications from old members for reinstatement are being received and new names added at every meeting. This is grand work for the cause of Hibernianism.

The Providence Hibernians are arranging for a jolly time for the wintry evenings. Thus far they have announced a ball for Division 5, December 19; for Company C, Hibernian Rifles, on New Year's eve; Division 3, January 15. In the intervals the Ladies' Auxiliaries will give musical and social entertainments.

As the regular meeting of Division 4 will fall on Christmas day, it has been arranged to have a special meeting the following Sunday afternoon, December 29, at 3 o'clock. The succeeding one Wednesday, January 8, will be a social session, and the Literary Committee have been instructed to arrange some entertainment features for that meeting.

Buffalo Union and Times: Brother Kenyon, of Division 8, became very generous at the last meeting. He presented each member present with a package of genuine Irish tea. Vice President Galvin, big as he is, swears that his was so strong that he had to secure it with a rope. And the rope came from Manila. We will bear more about the rope. Better keep your eyes on Kenyon, boys!

In Piqua, O., the eucure social given by the Ancient Order of Hibernians in St. Mary's school hall was a grand success, both socially and financially. About fifty tables were filled with those who enjoyed the games. During the evening the raffle of a very valuable article was held, the result of which had been awaited with much eagerness and interest. Valuable prizes were awarded to those winning the most games, also consolations to the least fortunate. After the serving of an elegant luncheon those in attendance voted the occasion one of much pleasure and enjoyment.

HOLIDAY EUCHRE.

Those of our readers who would spend a really enjoyable evening during the holidays can do so next Friday night by attending the euchre to be given at Schreiber's Hall by the Ladies' Aid of Portland. These ladies, old and young, have made special arrangements for this event, and their friends are assured a jolly time and handsome prizes. The Ladies' Aid is doing commendable work, and in appreciation thereof the hall should be packed to overflowing. Among the members will be found the most popular women of the West End, who will act as a reception committee.

BISHOP SPALDING'S OPINION.

The Christian Democracy movement, lately started under Catholic auspices at Chicago, is being approved by most of the American Bishops. Bishop Spalding, whose power of placing in a small compass the burning questions of the day, when asked for an expression of opinion on the movement, made the following statement: "Concerning the efforts to induce Catholics to withdraw from labor unions which are dominated by anarchistic or socialistic ideas and aims, I will say that such a movement must result in good, especially if it is promoted by the German and Polish Catholic societies. They are strong, firmly united and deeply influenced by religious motives. A radical distinction must be drawn between socialism and anarchism, but in this country socialism is advocated chiefly by those who are hostile to religion and to some of the fundamental principles of civilized life, and hence it is our duty both as Christians and good citizens to do what we can to counteract the baleful influence of their propaganda."

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On Thursday night of last week the Hibernians of New Albany were treated to a pleasant and most unexpected surprise. It was the occasion of the first meeting in the month of Division 1, and the members turned out in large numbers. After the transaction of the usual routine business President Dan Walsh announced that a class of sixteen new members were present awaiting initiation into the order, and the further announcement that the degrees would be conferred and the new ritual exemplified for the first time elicited enthusiastic applause. For some months past Division 1 of New Albany had been making special preparations for this important event, and so quietly had the work been done that there were but few who anticipated the surprise the county and division officers were arranging for. The following members compose the degree team:

Patrician—Dan Walsh.
Oracle—James O'Hara.
Bard—John F. Goulding.
Scribe—Thomas McGuire.
Grand Guide—James M. O'Hara.

The sixteen candidates were presented by Grand Guide O'Hara and his guards, when the degrees were conferred in a most impressive and instructive manner. During the evening spirited and enthusiastic speeches were delivered by Messrs. John P. Flynn, M. C. Thornton, John A. Cofy and others.

Much praise was given the degree team for the excellent work, this being their first attempt before the division. Each member performed his work well, particularly the Patrician, Oracle and Bard, and all present were unanimous in commending the new ritual. They all bespeak good results from the grand teachings of the new ritual, the exemplification of which never fails to leave a lasting impression. The work of the evening being concluded, the members adjourned to partake of a luncheon spread in honor of the sixteen new members and the degree team, and an hour was most joyously spent, short talks, songs and merriment being the order.

Division 1 of New Albany now ranks as the banner division in the State of Indiana. The Hibernians of that city have made rapid headway during the past two years, for which much credit is due County President Pat Kennedy, County Secretary James O'Hara, President Dan Walsh and the other officers of Division 1, who have been untiring in the effort to attain the lead in Hoosierdom. We are requested to tell all to keep their eyes on Division 1, as its members have a still greater surprise in store for the Hibernians of the three Falls Cities in the near future.

It may be interesting to many to learn that the New Albany division has a considerable amount of money invested in real estate, which will form the nucleus of a building fund at some not far distant day. This feature alone is attracting to its ranks the leading Irish Catholics of our neighboring city.

RECENT DEATHS.

The many friends of Mrs. Mary McNally, beloved wife of Martin McNally, were shocked Wednesday morning when they learned of her unexpected death. Never was there a more kind or loving mother, and her demise is rendered more distressing by the fact that she leaves several children who will miss her tender care. Mrs. McNally was a devout Catholic and a member of St. Patrick's church, from which her funeral took place with requiem high mass on Friday morning. To the bereaved husband and children we tender our heartfelt sympathy in this their hour of deepest gloom.

Sincere sorrow was caused Wednesday evening by the news of the death of Charles M. Schaffer, Jr., which occurred at the home of his parents, 1026 Jackson street. Though he had long been ill he bore his suffering patiently and with fortitude, and many of his friends entertained hopes for his recovery. Besides his father and mother he leaves two brothers, Messrs. Alfred and John Schaffer, to mourn his early demise, for whom the greatest sympathy is felt. The funeral took place Friday afternoon from the family residence, the services being largely attended.

Dispatches received Thursday from Los Angeles, Cal., convey the sad intelligence that Mrs. J. Vincent Hannou, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Donahue, of Danville, Ky., passed into a comatose state ten days ago, from which she never recovered, death supervening Wednesday. Previous to her death Mrs. Hannou had never been ill.

HOLIDAY PRIZES.

Denny Coleman, the progressive and popular Portland avenue dry goods dealer, has made a great holiday hit with the people of the West End. To his patrons he offers three prizes, a chance going with each purchase. The first is a handsome clock for ladies and gentlemen, the second a beautiful doll for girls, and the third a fine pair of skates for boys. His generous offer has aroused much interest and everybody wants to be the winner. Besides the foregoing each person visiting his store receives a pretty calendar for next year. See the many bargains he offers in our advertising columns.

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Recording Secretary—Mike Tynan.
Financial Secretary—Peter J. Cusick.
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Treasurer—John Mulloy.

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Vice President—Con J. Ford.
Recording Secretary—John J. Sullivan.
Financial Secretary—John T. Keane.
1935 Rogers street.
Treasurer—Owen Keiran.

DIVISION 4

Meets on the Second and Fourth Wednesday Evenings of Each Month.
President—John Hennessy.
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Financial Secretary—Joe P. McGinn.
515 West Chestnut.
Assistant—Dave Reilly.
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Meets on the First and Third Tuesday at Paul's Hall.
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Meets at Hibernian Hall First and Third Thursday Evenings of Each Month.
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SHORT AND BRIEF.

A bill has been introduced in the St. Louis Municipal Assembly providing two-cent street car fare for those who have to stand up.

Dick Croker, while at French Lick Springs this week, expressed the opinion that Admiral Schley would make a strong Presidential candidate for 1904.

The Catholic schools of Covington and Newport, which were closed by the boards of health, will reopen January 9. The other schools were also closed.

Press and people agree with Admiral Dewey's decision in the Schley case. The case is likely to go to Congress, though Schley needs no further vindication.

The friends of ex-Senator Gorman, of Maryland, are confident that his chances for securing the Democratic nomination for President in 1904 are of the highest.

The news comes from Rome that the Rev. Thomas Kennedy, D. D., rector of the American College, has been appointed domestic prelate by Pope Leo. This is regarded as one of the highest honors at the Vatican.

Tuesday Postmaster General Smith tendered his resignation, which was accepted. Henry C. Payne, Republican National Committeeman from Wisconsin, was appointed his successor. The former has returned to Philadelphia and will again enter the newspaper business.

Police Judge Riley, of Lexington, announced Tuesday that any married man found at dances after 11 o'clock at night could expect the limit. He had before him three men, each with a family and each charged with starting trouble at a dance. He told them that if they had been at home they would not have gotten into trouble. He read them a lecture and said that he wanted all married men to understand that their curfew rang at 11 o'clock at night.

President Roosevelt was elected an honorary member at a recent meeting of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick of New York City. Because of this some of our exchanges see in him an "Irish President," etc. This is nonsense. These same journals will upon slight provocation make light of the honor conferred upon him. The Sons of St. Patrick recognize in him only an American President who is friendly to the downtrodden and oppressed Irish.

The Webster county grand jury has returned indictments against James D. Wood, Christopher C. Barnaby and W. B. Kissinger, officers of the United Mine Workers, charging them with being accessories before the fact to willful murder. The indictments are based on the fight at Providence mines and are believed to have been procured by reason of papers found on the body of a union miner who was killed during the attack on the mines. This is part of the scheme of the operators to break the miners' organization in Kentucky.

O'CONNELL BROTHERS.

The O'Connell brothers, James and John, well known and popular fellows, both on Main street and in Limerick, have gone into business for themselves at Seventh and Zane streets. They will carry a large stock of wines and liquors, and attention is called to their special holiday offering in another column. John O'Connell's long connection with the wholesale trade will fit him for this business.

DOWN TO WORK.

Executive Boards Met Wednesday and Elected Their Officers.

Major Gunther Made Chief of Police and Pat Ridge Assistant.

Believed That the Changes Contemplated Are Not Many.

CLARENCE PARSONS WAS REMOVED

The two new executive boards met Wednesday at noon and were sworn in by Mayor Grainger, after which they got down to work and effected their organization as follows:

Board of Safety—Harry Brennan, Chairman; Edward T. Tierney and R. Lee Suter, John H. Shea, who filled the office of Secretary for the retiring board, was re-elected to that position.

Board of Works—Capt. John H. Weller, Chairman; John W. Vreeland and John H. Phelps, Roger McGrath, who for the past four years has been employed in the office of the board, was elected Secretary, the most popular selection that could have been made. The Board of Safety re-elected Col. Sebastian Gunther Chief of Police, and Major Patrick Ridge was re-elected Assistant Chief. This action of the board meets with the hearty approval of the general public. Both men have been long identified with the Louisville police force and have made excellent records. They have the confidence and respect of the men under them, and we feel safe in saying that the high personal and standing of the force is assured while these experienced officers remain at its head.

Immediately following their organization the members of the Board of Works removed Clarence Parsons, who has been resorting to rather peculiar methods to hold the position of City Engineer. Not satisfied with having served the term for which he had been appointed, he conspired with the retiring members to perpetuate himself in office under an administration to which he was hostile, but the new board very properly exercised the prerogative of selecting its own employees. The board named Joshua Breed to succeed Parsons, who now threatens to appeal to the courts, though City Attorney Stone and other able lawyers declare his claims are illegal. Mr. Breed gave bond and at once entered upon the discharge of the duties of the office. He is regarded as an engineer of more than ordinary ability, having been in that department for twenty years, during twelve of which he was assistant chief.

Mayor Grainger and the members of the boards will hold conferences between now and January 1, when the list of promotions and changes will be given careful consideration. The consensus of opinion is that the number of changes will be small, and this assurance will result in giving peace of mind to many during this happy holiday season. While it is true that he was not the choice of all for the nomination, those who opposed him in the primary labored hardest for his election, and because of this he has given assurances that only necessary changes will be approved by him. This generous action will go far toward making his administration popular and cementing all Democrats of the city into a solid phalanx.

It is now believed that no further appointments will be announced before January 1.

THEATRICALS.

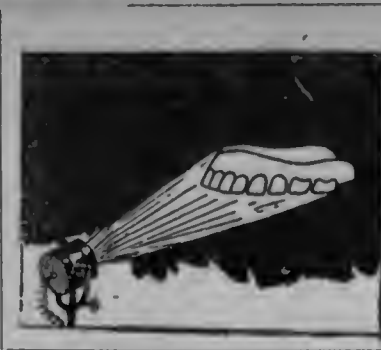
The airy, fairy, tinsel-like form of amusement, extravaganza and vaudeville which is so popular with theater-goers is the offering at the Buckingham for Christmas week, and it will be interpreted by the famous "Weber's Parisian Widows," an organization that made a reputation for itself last season and which already ranks as the foremost attraction of its kind. It will be seen here with every essential of a first-class attraction and with elaborate scenery and gorgeous costumes. The comedians are clever, the vaudeville performers are stars in their respective lines, while the chorus is composed of handsome and talented burlesquers. The entertainment will be found sparkling with novelties and there will not be a dull moment throughout the length of the performance.

The new musical farce comedy, "Sons of Han," introducing Williams and Walker, the "Two Real Cousins," and their own high company, will be seen the coming week at the Avenue. Everything in the show is positively original and new with Williams and Walker. The comedy is a vehicle in which a lot of good high class specialties are introduced. Special scenery and electrical effects are a big feature with this company.

The Temple Theater has passed into the hands of Col. Hopkins, who has long been prominent in theatricals. Hereafter the house will be devoted to vaudeville, and the leading stars of the profession will appear in new bills during the rest of the season.

LAFFAN ELECTED.

The Louisville Leaf Tobacco Exchange last Monday re-elected John T. Laffan inspector for the ensuing four years. His opponent was Thomas Glover, but he never had a chance of winning, as Laffan received over two votes to his one. The newly elected inspector is one of the most popular young tobacco men in the city, and his past experience well qualifies him for the position, which pays the handsome salary of from \$5,000 to \$10,000 a year.



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